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1. The infantry barracks is at the northwest edge of town, and consists of 25 buildings. It is near the second-class road Bistrita-Sărata-Piatra. Most of the barracks are 15 by 60 m, with a capacity of 100 men each. It was very quickly constructed out of prefabricated elements.
2. The barracks is occupied by a Rumanian rifle regiment. It has a staff of 55 to 60; a reconnaissance company, 105 to 110 men, with 80 rifles and 25 machine pistols (all men are to receive machine pistols when available); an AT company, 100 to 105 men, with six 76.2 mm AT guns and four light machine guns; a mortar company, 100 men, with six 82 mm mortars and four light machine guns; a communications company, 90 to 95 men. The 1st Battalion is in Piatra military camp. The 2nd Battalion is at the barracks and consists of a communications platoon, 35 to 40 men, and three rifle companies, each 95 to 100 men, each company being armed with nine light machine guns and 18 machine pistols in addition to rifles. The commander is Capt fm/ Longescu. The 3rd Battalion, similarly composed, is in Folticeani.
3. The regiment is not motorized. The men wear red shoulder boards. About 15 percent of them are Hungarians by race, the remainder Rumanians. They belong to the active classes, 1930 to 1932. Reservists of older classes were brought in for training during the summer of 1953. From early summer to late autumn, field exercises and target practice were held, with alarms twice a week.
4. At the Piatra military camp there are only a few barracks, but tents are used in good weather. In addition to the battalion of the Piatra rifle regiment, the camp has a training school for telephonists and radio men, about 260 men all told.

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